



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I*
WEST O'AHU

STUDENT SPEAKER – FALL 2018 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Deadline: October 19, 2018
Auditions: Week of October 29, 2018

The student speaker represents the graduating students of the Class of Fall 2018 and plays an important role in the Commencement Ceremony. The selection of a student speaker follows a process that includes fulfillment of predetermined criteria and an in-person audition.

Student Speaker Criteria:

- I. **High Academic Achievement**
The student must demonstrate academic achievement, as evidenced by a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- II. **University/Community Service**
The student must have a record of meaningful University and/or community service.
- III. **Graduating Senior**
The student must have applied for graduation and is graduating this semester as an undergraduate student.
- IV. **Public Communication Skills**
The student must demonstrate the potential to communicate to a large audience on in a meaningful, clear, and an expressive manner. The student must prepare and deliver their speeches professionally.

Procedure of Application:

1. Applicants who meet criteria I, II, and III will be invited to speak at an **audition session to be held during the week of October 29, 2018**. Should you be selected to audition, be prepared to present the 3-minute speech you would give at the graduation ceremony. There will be a small group of judges present, but you will speak as if you are addressing those assembled at the graduation ceremony itself. You may speak extemporaneously or use a manuscript. There will be no microphone at the audition. Do note that this is an actual audition, so please come prepared. Dress appropriately in professional attire, as you would a job or internship interview.
2. Invitations to speak at the audition will be extended by e-mail. If you have not been reached by **Wednesday, October 24**, please contact Leila Wai Shimokawa by e-mail (lwai@hawaii.edu).

3. Final selection by the judges will be based upon the sample speeches given. Both content and delivery will be considered (along with academic achievement and service in especially close competition).
4. The student selected to be the Student Commencement Speaker will receive assistance from UH West O'ahu faculty and/or staff in refining their speech and its delivery. The student selected must email the speech to the committee in a timely manner.
5. The student selected to be the Student Commencement Speaker must practice with a podium and microphone at the UH West O'ahu Courtyard or other alternative location on Friday, December 7, prior to the commencement rehearsal that begins at 3:30 p.m.

Please return the application to uhwocomm@hawaii.edu by 4 p.m. on **Friday, October 19, 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, you may contact Leila Wai Shimokawa at lwai@hawaii.edu.



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APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENT SPEAKER - FALL 2018

Please provide us with the information requested and return form to uhwoomm@hawaii.edu by **Friday, October 19, 4 p.m.**

Name: _____

Email: _____@hawaii.edu

Phone: _____

Major: _____

GPA: _____

1. Please attach your resume to this application. Contact Loea Akiona ((808) 689-2676) at [Career Services](#) for help with your resume.
2. List any academic Honors or awards at UH West O'ahu:

3. List any campus and/or community service participation:

4. Describe the qualities or experiences that you believe make you qualified to represent your fellow graduates as the student speaker at Commencement:

5. Describe your future plans after graduation:

6. Provide a brief summary or outline of the content of the speech you would like to present at commencement:

7. Please provide one internal reference (faculty, staff, advisor):

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

8. Please provide one external reference (family, friend, classmate, employer):

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____